

EXCHANGE ALLOCATION MODIFIED

Announcement Of New System

Quotas will be granted by Government for certain classes of imports into Hong Kong. These quotas will take into account the total exchange available for the commodity and the previous trade done in that commodity by the applicant.

This was announced by Government yesterday evening in the form of a long release to the Press entitled "System for Allocating Exchange for Imports to be Modified." The Government statement reads as follows:

Flood Of Soviet Propaganda

London, May 7. Over 100 "powerful" Soviet radio stations now broadcast in 30 foreign languages, the Soviet Monitor said today in an article, reprinted from the Moscow newspaper "Pravda."

In addition, Soviet stations broadcast in 70 languages used by the Russians, the article said, quoting from a speech by Soviet Communications Minister Konstantin Sergelchuk.

Sergelchuk's speech marked today's celebration of Radio Day throughout the Soviet Union. He said 28 new radio stations had opened operations in the first year of the new five-year plan.

Sergelchuk said 21 radio, telegraph and telephone and two radiotelegraph lines had been opened, together with nine international radio lines.

He said the 28 new stations included installations at Leningrad, Riga, Stalingrad, Kuybyshev and Alma-Ata.

Observers in London noted that the 70 additional languages, with in the Soviet Union, included several languages also used outside Russia. They pointed to Tadzhik, used both in Russia and the surrounding areas beyond the Soviet border, as well as Azerbajian, Turk, spoken in Russia and Iran.—United Press.

Important Search Ruling

Washington, May 8. In a sharp five-to-four split, the United States Supreme Court ruled this week that officers searching an arrested man's home for instruments of crime may seize evidence to convict him on an entirely different crime if they happen to find it.

The court held that the search was justified as an incident to the man's arrest.

The decision said that the evidence actually found showed a crime being committed in the presence of the officers. It was immaterial, the court held, that this evidence was unrelated to the arrest.

The dissenters contended that the ruling destroys the protection of search and seizure provisions of the constitution and offers "serious threats to the basic liberties."—Associated Press.

Rangoon, May 7. The Burma Government, in a communiqué today, announced the lifting of the ban on the export of silver, which is at present exportable under Government license, only subject to tariff duty of three annas per troy ounce.—Reuter.

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BRITAIN AND CHINA

London, May 7. Mr. Bevin, Foreign Minister, rejected a suggestion in the House of Commons today that the British Government should take steps to promote a settlement in the Chinese civil war.

Mr. Evelyn Jones, (Lab.) had asked if, in view of the importance of reopening Britain's trading, political and cultural relations with China, the British Government was taking steps to promote a settlement between the parties to the civil war in China?

Mr. Bevin: "No. Much as we deplore the continuance of the Chinese civil war, we regard it as entirely a Chinese domestic affair, in which the British Government cannot properly interfere."—Reuter.

Americans Reported Executed

Nanking, May 8. Six Americans were among 20 persons shot and killed by the Communists before their evacuation from Wayao-pao.

Former Communist military base in northern Shensi, Central News learned from reliable sources today.

General Hu Chung-nan's forces on March 3.

According to these sources, which had made investigations, 20 prisoners, including six Americans, were taken from the jail of the Border-Region High Court where they were detained, to a village in the western suburbs of Wayao-pao where they were "executed" by firing squads.

Their remains were interred on the spot.—Central News.

Parliament Breaks A Record

London, May 8. Weary, unshaven and haggard, members of Parliament left the House of Commons at 10 a.m. having celebrated the second anniversary of V-E Day by breaking this parliament's record for the longest sitting.

They met at 12.30 p.m. (GMT) yesterday and spent 21 hours discussing the conscription bill. When the debate ended at 9.29 a.m. they had disposed of just over half the clauses set as the target for the evening's work yesterday by the Minister of Defence, Mr. A. V. Alexander.

The ending of the debate meant that members had a less than four hours break before today's session began at 12.30 p.m.—Reuter.

Labour Hold Jarrow

Jarrow, May 8. The Government held the seat of Jarrow, Tyneside shipbuilding town, as a result of the by-election announced this afternoon.

Mr. Ernest Pennyhough, 38-year-old trade union organiser, was returned with a majority of 7,016 in a three-cornered contest.

The figures were: Pennyhough, 20,694; Mr. W. Scott (Conservative), 49-year-old Tyne-side industrialist, 18,078; and M. W. Moody, Independent Socialist (23-year-old clerk), 1,114.

The by-election was caused by the death of Miss Ellen Wilkinson, Minister of Education, who, at the general election in 1945 had a majority of 11,000 over the Liberal National (anti-Socialist) candidate.—Reuter.

Schedule "B"

Building Materials, Wood (timber), sanitary fittings, Machinery and Engines, Machine Tools, Tools, Tin Plate, Wire, Iron and Steel, Piping and Pipes, Spare parts for motor vehicles, Rubber tyres (new), Refrigerators, Electric fans, Mineral oil, Paraffin wax, and Petroleum products, Vegetable oils and Fats. Sewing machines, Offices, machinery and equipment, Typewriters, Calculators, Cash registers, Filing Cabinets, etc., Dyestuffs and tanning materials, Industrial and manufactured Chemicals, Unmanufactured leaf tobacco, Pharmaceutical and Toilet preparations, Razors and razor blades, Paper, Ink, Periodicals and books, Films—unexposed—all types, Motion pictures, Motion pictures (rented), Piecegoods, Manufactured clothing, Canola Oil, Colza, Hempseed, Olive oil, Coconut oil, etc., Essential oils—Citronella, Sandalwood, Ginger, Peppermint, etc., Haberdashery, Food, Fresh fruit, Tinned fruit, Dried fruit.

The official also quoted the case of a Hong Kong business firm which ordered window frames from Australia, which although promised within two months have not yet been received, and in the long run it would have been more profitable to have ordered them from

COMMANDOS FROM H.K.

Malta, May 7. An advanced party of more than one hundred Royal Marine commandos arrived here on board the transport "Alcantara" from Hong Kong to replace the infantry battalions for garrison duties. The main batch is expected early in June.—Reuter.

RENTS MEASURE AMENDMENTS

Two important amendments to the Landlord & Tenant Ordinance, 1947, are contained in the report of the Standing Law Committee instructed to examine the Bill after its second reading. The Report was laid on the table by the Attorney-General at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council.

Both these amendments concern the application of the Ordinance. To claim exemption under Clause 3 (1) (c), the premises must now have been "continuously untenanted" since August 16th, 1945, and the expense incurred by the landlord in rendering them inhabitable must now amount to not less than the equivalent of the standard rent of the premises for "seven years"—not one year, as originally proposed.

Fight To Save Life Of Airman

Liverpool, May 7. The flames hampered rescue work, and it was not until four hours after the shattering blast that the last body was brought to the surface and laid on the ground in front of the grim faced waiting people.

The horror of the disaster was described by George Hewitt, who was working in the adjoining coal face. He said that he and his mate opened the connecting door and "we saw two or three lads in a bad state. They were burned about the hands and face and were holding their hands up to their eyes."

In the inky blackness of the earth's bowels, the injured men and boys, whose lamps were blown out by the explosion, crawled painfully over the rubble and sharp-edged chunks of coal to meet a rescue team.

A joint statement issued by Lieutenant-General Sir Noel Holmes, Chairman of the Northwestern Division of the National Coal Board, and Mr. Joseph Hall, President of the Yorkshire Miners' Union, said that full attendance at work in the unaffected portions of the colliery was expected tomorrow, and that there was no reason to believe the affected district would be long delayed in production.—Reuter.

Board's Call To Miners

London, May 6. The northern division of the National Coal Board, in a strongly worded call to striking miners in the northern counties of Durham and Lancashire to return to work at once, declared that the Board would enter into no negotiations whatever.

There was adequate machinery for dealing with such disputes, and this would have been available if the men had remained at work, the Board stated.

The Board declared that it will not tolerate "any interference with the substitute engine winders in Durham and will not allow men who volunteered for training in the present emergency to be victimised."

The latest position in Durham is that, with the aid of substitute winders from the neighbouring colliers, work was resumed at some of the eighteen pits laid idle by the strike over the grievances of members of the local breakaway winders.

In Durham, there had been full resumption at four of the pits where clauses in the five-day week agreement led to stoppages yesterday. The men went back after officials had assured them that their grievances were being taken up with the Coal Board.—Reuter.

BROKER SHOT DEAD

Sayville, N.Y., May 7. The prominent New York stockbroker and Aqueduct Race Track president, Theodore Jackson Knapp, 56, was found shot to death today at the Sportsman's Club near Great River.

No suicide notes were found, but the police believed it was definitely not the case that Knapp had taken his own life. A shotgun with one cartridge fired was found in the room with the body.—United Press.

A New Home For British Capital?

Tokyo, May 8. The suggestion that more British capital and industry be transferred from the United Kingdom to Australia was made by an authoritative source in Tokyo in the course of discussions on the proposed re-opening of Japan's foreign trade to private business.

This official declared that a tendency to transfer British capital abroad has been increasingly apparent during the past months but South Africa is a preferable destination to Australia, primarily because it is near the United Kingdom and also British business men are concerned over Australia's labour situation.

However, they admit Australia's predominant place in the Pacific and feel that it will be in their own interests to operate in that country, at the same time to give Australia the benefit of their experience in foreign trade.

This point is stressed as it is felt that Australia has missed the boat in supplying the immediate postwar requirements of several countries, including India, which Inter-India wanted locomotives.

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The Weather

A moderate anticyclone persists over N. China. A complex but rather feeble depression to the S and of Honshu is moving NE. Pressure is low S of the Marianas.

Today's Forecast: Moderate or fresh easterly winds. Weather cloudy at first, becoming fair.

Yesterday's Weather:

Maximum: 84.8 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 76.5 deg. Fah.
Galeforce: 4.0 hours.
Sustained: 1.0 hours.
Wind: 10-15 m.p.h. against an average of 5-6 m.p.h.
Breeze: 1.0-2.0 hours.
10 a.m.: 101.6 101.6 m.p.h.
Dark at: 101.4 101.4 m.p.h.
Equino: 29.95 29.97 inches.
Rel. Humidity: 73% 73%
Dew Point: 71% 71% deg. F.
Wind Direction: N 70 deg. 70 deg. F.
Wind Power: 10 10 hours.

Hong Kong Case

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Wellington Estates In Spain

London, May 7.

The family castles and estates in Spain granted to the first Duke of Wellington after his victories over Napoleon have passed to the present Duke.

Too Short

Under the Ordinance originally proposed, it was laid down that anyone obtaining an order for recovery of possession of premises was restricted from

over the interpretation of two

wills left by the 6th Duke—a

bachelor—who was killed in

action in Italy in October, 1943.

The 6th Duke was succeeded

by his uncle—the present Duke

—but because of the difference

in the rules of accession in

Spain and Britain, the Spanish

title "Duke of Ejuidad Roldigo"

went to the 6th Duke's sister,

Lady Anne Rhyd.

Both the present Duke and

Lady Anne Rhyd were defen-

dants in the action brought by

the executors.—Reuter.

Gandhi Against Partition

New Delhi, May 7. Mohandas Gandhi tonight announced his opposition to any division of India, despite the Congress Party's conditional acceptance of partition.

He dissociated himself from the Party's action at his regular evening prayer meeting, which, as usual, was interrupted by Hindus objecting to his reading of the Muslim Koran.

The statement marked Gandhi's first open break with the Party of which he is spiritual leader over division of India into Hindu and Muslim states.

Gandhi said: "Congress has accepted the Pakistan (independent Moslem state) scheme and demanded the division of the Punjab and Bengal. I am opposed to any division of India now as I have always been, but what can I do? The only thing I can do is disassociate myself from any such scheme. Nobody can force me to accept it except God."

Although he is consulted by the Congress Party Executive on all major issues, Gandhi is not even a dues-paying member.

Congress leaders have emphasized that they would insist on the division of the Moslem state of the Punjab and Bengal to bring the Hindu-populated areas within Hindustan if Pakistan is agreed upon.

Gandhi leaves tonight in his private third-class railway car for Calcutta.—United Press.

Millionaire Kidnapped

Singapore, May 7. A Royal Air Force plane and a company of Gurkha troops are helping the Malayan police in the hunt for the daring kidnappers of the Chinese millionaire, Mr. Kee Hup Hon.

The search covers 60 square miles.

Six armed men entered the millionaire's home in the town of Sungai Bakap in North Malaya on April 26 to carry out the audacious crime. The police have arrested three men and offered a reward of \$5,000 (Malayan) for information about the kidnapping.—Reuter.

EVERY WELL-DRESSED WOMAN TODAY WEARS NYLONS

She knows only too

Coming Events

May 9—Canton Ins. Office, Ltd., annual meeting, noon.
May 9—Musical recital, Helena May Ins., 5.30 p.m.
May 10—Sixth Extra Race Meeting.
May 10 and 17—"Shamshulpo Cocktail," KCC, 9 p.m.
May 17—China Emporium extraordinary meeting, 3 p.m.
May 21—Union Waterboat Co., Ltd. Annual Meeting, Dockwells Office, 11 a.m.
May 28—H.K. Realty & Trust Co. annual meeting, no. n.
May 29—H.K. Tramways Ltd. annual meeting, Jardine's of Jardine's, 11 a.m.
May 31—China Emporium annual meeting, 3 p.m.

E.U. Men Sentenced

The seven members of the Kowloon Emergency Unit, charged with attempting to extort the sum of \$80 from Mak Kuen at Nan Chang Street on March 14, conspiring to extort, and demanding with menaces, the sum of \$80 from Mak Kuen, were yesterday sentenced to terms of imprisonment varying from 18 months to nine months hard labour. Two of the accused were additionally charged with the possession of a knuckleduster.

The accused, represented by Mr. Marcus da Silva, were Ghulam Ahmed, Mohamed Akbar, Abdullah Ali, Mohamed Abdul Karim, Manu Ali, Shek Adam, and Ramon Lora. The prosecution was in the hands of A.S.P. Charles Mottram, assisted by D.S.I. C. Doaman.

After an exhaustive review of the evidence, Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr sat in the course of a lengthy judgment delivered at Kowloon yesterday that there was ample evidence on which the Court might find all the accused guilty of conspiracy to extort, demanding money with menaces, and the possession of a knuckleduster by the second and sixth defendants.

There was also sufficient, said His Worship, for him to find that the second defendant not only intended to use a knuckleduster for an unlawful purpose but also that he did use it for such a purpose.

All the accused were sentenced to nine months' hard labour on the charge of conspiracy. Ghulam Ahmed was given another 15 months, Mohamed Akbar 18 months, and the other five, nine months, on the demanding with menaces charge. An additional three months were passed on Akbar and Adam for the possession of a knuckleduster. All the sentences to run concurrently.

Before passing sentence, His Worship stated that all the accused had a clear record deceptively.

"The second accused was not the leader," said Mr. Blair-Kerr, "but I feel he was the moving spirit in this criminal conspiracy and took by far the most active part in its execution."

On the defendants declaring that they wished to appeal against the sentence, His Worship said that he was sure that Mr. Silva would advise them as to the proper steps to take.

SWEEP TICKETS HAWKED

One hundred and seventeen sweep tickets of the Jockey Club were ordered to be confiscated by Mr. Sainsbury at Central this morning when six Chinese were charged with hawking without licence and with causing an obstruction in the streets in the Central District on Wednesday.

The numbers of the tickets will be brought to the attention of the Jockey Club in order to enable them to withdraw them.

Four men defendants were each fined \$15 or three days' hard labour, while the three women accused were all cautioned.

Inspector Brownrigg prosecuted.

WIVES LIST

The following names have been added to the wives' priority list:—204—Murjorie Farrar, 205—Vera Gertrude Lee, 230—Ana Elena Reddish.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Peninsula Hotel arrives (Wednesday) Mr. A. R. Lamb, Mrs. Talbot A. Dohrman.

Peninsula Hotel departs (Wednesday) A. W. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, M. B. Mohan.

APPEAL FOR INFORMATION

War Enquiries For H.K. Residents

In order to clear a list of persons for whom enquiries were made during the war period would any person who may have information concerning the whereabouts of the following kindly communicate with the Secretary, Medical Department, Hong Kong Bank Building, first floor.

Massachusetts Emmanuel Allaye, Mrs. G. V. Alves (22899), Pte. H.K.V.D.C., W.A.G. (22899), George Charles, Mrs. M. H. Bell, Neil Steward (22899), Mr. H. B. Bok, son and child, Mrs. E. H. Bok, son and daughter, 20 Pte. H.K.V.D.C., 7611, H. Cox, 1st Perks (22899), Mr. L. H. Barker, Richard L. Barker, Mrs. Rev. S. H. Barry (22899), Mr. Walter Joseph Butler (H.K.V.D.C.), Mr. W. B. Bunchy, Albert E. Bunchy (22899), Mr. K. R. Burns (22899), Mr. Daniel H. Burke (H.K.V.D.C.), Mr. Augustus D. Burke (H.K.V.D.C.), Mr. L. B. Bury, wife, Josephine Bury, Edward Bury, Edward Bury, son and child, Mrs. E. Bury, Rev. S. H. Barry (22899), Mr. Walter Joseph Butler (H.K.V.D.C.), Mr. W. B. Bunchy, Albert E. Bunchy (22899), Mr. K. R. Burns (22899), Mr. Daniel H. Burke (H.K.V.D.C.), Mr. Augustus D. Burke (H.K.V.D.C.), Mr. L. B. Bury, wife, Josephine Bury, Edward Bury, Edward Bury, son and child, Mrs. E. Bury, Rev. S. H. Barry (22899), Mr. Walter Joseph Butler (H.K.V.D.C.), Mr. W. B. Bunchy, Albert E. 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Conscription Bill Passed

Government Amendment To Reduce Period Of Service To A Year Approved

Scathing Attack By Mr. Churchill

London, May 7. The controversial Government amendment to reduce from 18 months to a year the period of compulsory peacetime military service in Britain—tabled after more than seventy Labour "rebels" cast their votes against the new conscription scheme recently—was approved to-night in the House of Commons by a combined Government and Conservative majority. There were only 17 dissenting votes.

Mr. Winston Churchill, leader of the Opposition, while protesting that the Government had "nakedly" admitted that the change was brought about by pressure from its own supporters, announced early in the debate that he would support the amendment because it was essential to get the principle of national service established.

The amendment was moved had been decisively outvoted. Mr. Churchill continued. It was disreputability of Government such as had been seen in Britain. The title of Minister of Defence should be changed to "Minister of Defence unless Attacked."

The Opposition, Mr. Churchill said, had come to the conclusion that despite the change it would continue to support the Bill.

Mr. Crossman

One of the leading "rebels" in foreign policy, Mr. Richard Crossman, welcomed the amendment because, he said, it showed the beginning of a realisation that Labour foreign policy was going to bring British strategy commensurate with her defence.

Cuts could not be coming from India or Germany, he said. The only area with overwhelming weight of British forces was the Middle East.

Did not this decision mean that by 1950 there could not be a great British army in the Middle East and that the Government had decided that unilateral responsibility for that great area was far beyond Britain's strength?

Mr. Eden

When Mr. Eden asked what overseas commitments were being thrown overboard, Mr. Alexander answered that nothing was being thrown overboard.

He could not think that they

The men in the forces and those who trained them would have to approach their tasks with a heightened sense of urgency and so order matters that little actual training efficiency would be lost by more intensive training over a period of 12 months, as compared with the more leisurely spacing of training over 18 months.

National service men would be sent only to the nearer overseas stations, mainly in Europe. Their training would be given to an increasing extent in armories of occupation in Germany. Maintenance cost of 100,000 men would be saved by the proposed change.

The sixty days of part-time service in the reserve would be spread over six years instead of five and a half years.

Churchill Attack

In a scathing attack on the Government, Mr. Churchill, Opposition leader, said that Mr. Alexander had "nakedly and baldly" admitted that the reason for the change was political—because 70 or 80 Labour Members voted against the Government on the second reading of the Bill.

It was simply panic in the face of pressure by a minority who

Talks In London On India's Future

London, May 7. General Lord Ismay, the Viceroy's Chief of Staff, and his colleagues who flew from Delhi to London at the week-end with Lord Mountbatten's report to the Cabinet on the Indian constitutional problem, arranged a further conference tonight at No. 10 Downing Street with the India experts of the Cabinet.

With the Prime Minister presiding, other Ministers attending were the Secretary of State for India, Lord Listowel, Sir Stafford Cripps and Mr. A. V. Alexander. The Viceroy's mission spent today in discussions on policy with various high officials of the India Office. Authoritative quarters maintained complete silence upon the talks themselves.

Political quarters believe, however, that their scope covers the vital question of whether the partition of India is now inevitable, or whether there is still some prospect of the Cabinet Mission's plan of May 16 last year, providing a broad pattern for the transfer of power.

The general belief at the moment is that the talks may extend into next week. The return of the

"JANE"



Senator Shot In Oklahoma

Oklahoma City, May 7.

Pistol-carrying legislators from Holdenville toted a home town feud into the State Senate Chamber and when the shooting was over, one man was wounded and another held by officers.

State Senator Tom Anglin, 64, oldest member of the Upper House in point of service, was shot through the left hip and abdomen. Representative Jimmie Scott, 34, was arrested a few minutes after the exchange of shots.

Witnesses said Anglin was walking across the middle of the well-filled Senate Chamber when Scott approached from the rear of the Chamber. They heard Anglin say "Don't shoot," then "Oh" as the first shot fell and fired a wild shot while Scott was firing the second shot, which missed.

Scott is an ex-Marine who saw action in the Southwest Pacific. Officers said charges against him would be filed tomorrow. United Press.

had that in mind, if not, they should say so and also produce more convincing reasons. This was surrender to a minority of a party which would have calamitous consequences. He did not know what the Foreign Secretary thought in Moscow when he heard this decision.

Replying to the debate, Mr. Crossman said it was wrong to suggest that the decision to alter the length of wholetime service had anything to do with the question of surrender on foreign policy, as had been suggested.

But, he added, there would be greater difficulty in meeting the garrison situation overseas because of the change. The Government had taken the risk that between now and 1950 the situation in regard to British commitments would have improved.

Nothing Jettisoned

When Mr. Eden asked what overseas commitments were being thrown overboard, Mr. Alexander answered that nothing was being thrown overboard.

Eventually, the motion that the 18 months remain in the Bill was defeated by 311 votes to 163. The Government's amendment to make it 12 months was carried by 368 votes to 17. In the second vote Mr. Churchill and some of the Conservatives voted with the Government. Reuter.

Soviet Demands On Hungary

London, May 7. The Soviet Government presented claims on Hungary totalling £50,000,000 over and above Hungary's reparations obligations to Russia during the reparations talks now proceeding.

Hid In A Kosher Meat Box

Jerusalem, May 7. A Jewish detainee of the Latroun detention camp was caught today while trying to escape in a Kosher meat box where he had hidden with a supply of water, a knife and £51 in cash.

Workmen remaking the supposedly empty box became suspicious of its weight and, upon investigation, the detainee was found. United Press.

Murder

Jerusalem, May 7. Billy Helmuth, Assistant Manager of the Palestine Government printing works, was shot by two unknown gunmen in a Jerusalem cafe tonight and died almost immediately.

Helmuth's body was still lying on the edge of the dance floor of the Cafe Raviv in a Jerusalem suburb as the police questioned the people at surrounding tables.

He is believed to have been a German Christian who informed the police about terrorists. Reuter.

BANDITS TOO HASTY

Rome, May 7. Two bandits seized six and a half million lire (roughly US\$26,000) but missed a further haul of twenty million lire (\$80,000) in the streets of Milan today.

The bandits stopped a car driven by the cashier of a Milan factory.

The booty that they missed was in another box in the car, and was overlooked. Reuter.

Drunken Brawl In Gaol

Paris, May 7. French prison authorities revealed today that 100 women prisoners, ranging in age from 16 to 21, barricaded themselves in the building and refused to resume work late yesterday.

The authorities said the inmates were fortified by large quantities of alcohol and ether, which they had obtained in a raid on the infirmary.

Forty-six of the women were confined, awaiting disciplinary action, after police reinforcements restored order. United Press.

Americans Can Claim English Titles

London, May 7. United States citizens who are found to be the heirs to British baronetcies can accept their titles, free of charge, without affecting their American citizenship, the 1947 edition of "Debrett's Peerage, Baronetage, Knightage and Companionage" declared today.

Only those in the employ of the United States Government are barred from accepting the titles, "Debrett" declared, and even in their case, it was open to Congress to permit acceptance.

"Debrett," published today, pointed out that there are 19 baronetcies—hereditary knightships—to which no one had proved a claim. It also informed such heirs that no fees are payable on the succession to a baronetcy.

A record of war losses suffered by the families named in Debrett showed 1,400 names, including 28 peers and 37 baronets killed while serving in the armed forces during the war. Five peers were killed in air raids and two baronets died while prisoners in enemy hands.

The Duchy of Connaught, two baronetcies and 8 baronetcies have become extinct through the death in action of the holders of the titles.

No Fees

The preface to the new edition of "Debrett" also disclosed that there are 19 unclaimed baronetcies, and that in several cases, the heirs are known but have refused to claim the titles. Adding that in some cases the heirs may think that heavy fees are charged to claimants, Debrett says there are no fees payable.

Debrett also recalls the recent report in American newspapers that a United States citizen said that he would not claim a title to which he was heir because he was afraid that he would lose his United States citizenship.

It would appear, says Debrett, that under United States law, only Government employees were prohibited from

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Meeting of HONGKONG
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pany, Limited, Hongkong, on
Thursday, the 29th day of May,
1947, at 12 o'clock Noon, to
transact the ordinary business
of the Company.

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY
ALSO GIVEN that the Regis-
ter of Members of the Com-
pany will be closed from the
10th day of May to the 11th
day of June, 1947, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary

Hongkong, 6th May, 1947.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

The Sixty-second Ordinary
Yearly Meeting of Shareholders
will be held at the Offices of
the Undersigned on Friday, 9th
May, 1947, at Noon, for the pur-
pose of receiving the Report of
the General Agents together
with a Statement of Accounts
for the year, ended 31st
December, 1946.

The Share Register and
Transfer Books will be closed
from the 25th April to 9th May,
1947, both days inclusive.

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THE CANTON INSURANCE
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Hong Kong, 21st April, 1947.

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Thirty-eighth Ordinary General
Meeting of the Company, will
be held at the Offices of Messrs.
Doddell & Co., Ltd., 3rd floor,
Hongkong Bank Building, on
Wednesday, the 21st May 1947,
at 11 a.m. for the purpose of
receiving the Report and
Statement of Accounts for the
period 1st December 1946 to
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Notice is also given that the
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tors may appoint any
person to sign such
contract on behalf of
the persons entitled
to the dividend or
capitalised fund, and
such appointment
shall be effective."

If the above resolution is
duly passed as a special resolution
the following two resolutions
will be proposed as ordinary
resolutions respectively
viz:-

(1) That the authorised
Capital of the Company
be increased to \$20,000,
000 by the creation of 3,
350,000 new shares of
the nominal value of \$5
each.

(2) That it is desirable to
capitalise a sum of
HK\$6,500,000 being part
of the balance standing
at the credit of the Fixed
Assets Revaluation
Reserve of the company
and accordingly that such
sum be and is hereby
capitalised, and that such
capital sum be applied
on behalf of the persons
who on the 29th day of
May 1947 were the
holders of the 650,000
issued shares of the com-
pany in payment in full
for 1,300,000 new shares
of the company of the
nominal value of \$5
each, and that such
1,300,000 new shares
credited as fully paid be
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of such new shares for
every one of the said
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by such persons respec-
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shares so allotted shall
be treated for all pur-
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the nominal amount of
the capital of the com-
pany held by each such
shareholder, and not as
income and further that
such new shares shall
from the 1st day of
January 1947 rank for
dividend and in all other
respects pari passu with
the already issued shares.

By Order of the Board,

W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary

Hongkong, 6th May, 1947.

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NOTICE

The Government have decided
to modify the system at present
in force for allocating ex-
change for imports from the
U.S.A., Philippines and Can-
ada.

2. The total volume of im-
ports from these countries will
be about the same as for the
same period last year, but it
is hoped that the proposed sys-
tem, by giving importers ad-
vance notice of the exchange
they will be allowed, will en-
able them to settle their busi-
ness ahead, with the knowledge
that there will be no difficulty
about making payment.

3. It is intended to give
quotas for certain classes of
goods and these will be fixed
by the S.T. and I., taking into
account the total exchange
available for the particular
commodity and the previous
trade in that commodity done
by the applicant.

4. To avoid a multiplicity of
applications for exchange for
goods which probably cannot be
considered, it has been necessary
to draw up a proposed list
of goods which are acceptable
and for which applications will
be entertained. A copy of this
list is attached as Schedule "A"
and Schedule "B".

5. Applications in the first
instance should be submitted in
writing to the S.T. and I. De-
partment showing:

(a) quantity and value in U.S.
dollars of articles required
to be imported during
the period June/Decem-
ber 1947;

(b) quantity and value in U.S.
dollars of each of the
articles given imported by
them in any full year pre-
war, those under Schedule
"A" being kept separate
from those under Schedule
"B";

(c) a list of U.S. and Can-
adian agencies held;

(d) where a firm has been
established since the war
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issued
iii. details as requested at
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Salary: \$2,000 per annum to
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increments of \$100, together
with high cost of living al-
lowance of approximately 50%
of salary.

Selection will be made by in-
terview and examination in
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drawing, design, calculations and
tracing.

Candidates should apply in
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Harbour Office, giving full de-
tails of experience and qualifica-
tions, together with three copies
of recent testimonials.

Closing date for applications:
14th May, 1947.

J. JOLLY,
Harbour Master.

Hong Kong, 7th May, 1947.

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Hong Kong,
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG

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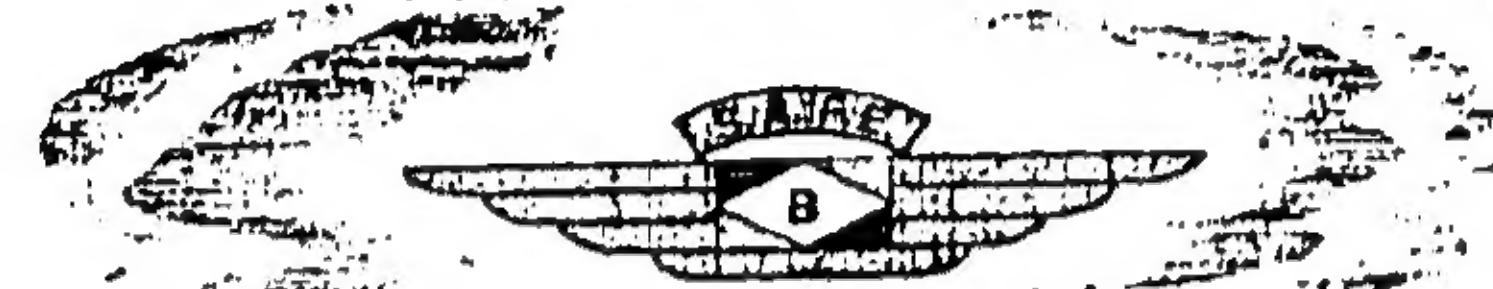
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**TENANTS GET
THEIR DUE**

There will be little quarrel with the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance as revised by the Standing Law Committee of the Legislative Council. All the main criticisms of the measure as originally framed have been met, and it is now possible to look upon it as a Bill designed, primarily, as in existing circumstances, it must be, for the protection of tenants. Clause 3 (c), which provoked the bitterest attacks, has been modified beyond recognition. It now requires evidence that the equivalent of seven years' annual rent (instead of one) has been spent in repairs to qualify premises for decontrol. Over and above that, and equally important, it is now also required that the premises shall have been continuously unoccupied since the Liberation of the Colony. The case for effective control is thus met at all points. First, the total of expenditure set is brought more into harmony with present-day building costs, and the term "extensive repairs" is given a realistic meaning. Secondly, the loophole offered to "enterprising" landlords has been effectively stopped, and there can be no invasion of occupied premises for the purpose of "repairs" in the hope or ambition of acquiring the privilege of de-control by presenting a crooked contractors bill. The clause, as now framed, serves but one purpose — that which was in the mind of the members of the Leo d'Almada Committee when making their "extensive repairs" recommendations — namely, to encourage the owners of heavily damaged property who have not already done so to embark upon reconstruction, in the confidence that they may expect reasonable economic return upon the additional investment. Against this vital amendment, other modifications of the first draft will appear relatively unimportant. It is, however, satisfying to observe that an additional complication has been inserted to discourage male fide applications by landlords "requiring the premises for their own use." The period during which a landlord, who has obtained an order for eviction on these grounds, may not let his premises has been extended from six months to one year, and there has been no change in the provisions for assessment of damages in favour of a tenant who has been tricked into surrender of his tenancy by fraudulent representation. It is not to be expected that the revision will entirely eliminate skulduggery; but it does at least have the value of giving the injured tenant a better opportunity of discovering the fraud and taking the necessary action. The decision to extend the currency of the Bill until December 31, 1948, similarly indicates the practical value, during the drafting of Bills of widespread public application, of transferring their study from the remote quiet of chambers at the Supreme Court to a sphere where the solid realities have perhaps made a deeper impression. In its present form, the Bill passes nearly all the tests. There seems to be no very good reason, however, why it should not have been right the first time.

**"Spitfires"
For Norway**

London, May 7.

Norwegian airmen will arrive in London tomorrow to fly back to Norwegian airfields ten "Spitfire" fighters recently purchased from the Royal Air Force by the Norwegian Government.

The "Spitfires" are Britain's fastest petrol-engined fighter planes capable of speeds in excess of 720 kilometres per hour.

The Norwegian pilots will pick up the "Spitfires" at a western England airport. Reuter.

Simontown, May 7.

The 65-year-old South African training ship "General Botha", 245 tons, stationed at Simontown, near Capetown, is to be sunk next week by shore batteries. Reuter.

THE CHINA MAIL, FRIDAY, MAY 9, 1947.

**The Problem of Russian Recovery
And Industrialisation**

**STALIN HAS A GIGANTIC
TASK AHEAD OF HIM**

By
JOHN HIGHTOWER

The Russian people appear to be making prodigious efforts this spring to rebuild their war-wrecked cities and towns and to step up production of their farms and factories.

Evidences of this show up in the press and the periodic five-year plan progress reports.

They are also visible for hundreds of miles along the railway that runs from Moscow through Smolensk to Brest Litovsk, Warsaw and Western Europe.

I have just completed a trip over this railway and on through Warsaw, Berlin, Brussels and Calais to London. The four-day journey provided a study in contrasts between the Soviet Union, Poland, Germany, France and England. Generally the trip showed the USSR, despite the driving power of its Communist leadership and its ambitious economic plans, has a long way to travel before reaching the industrial development of western nations and producing a population with individual skills and initiative of the western peoples.

Twisted Wreckage

In Russia there are still countless tons of twisted steel wreckage of railroad cars, locomotives, rails, tanks and trucks, rusting along the railway and beside black earth of newly-ploughed fields. For scores of miles on approaches to Smolensk, bomb pits, shallow trenches and caves in dug-outs spread over the pastures. There is little livestock in the fields between Moscow and Brest Litovsk.

New houses are being built in the White Russian countryside and are almost entirely log cabins. Virtually no stone or brick construction is to be seen. Asphalt and concrete highways do not appear to exist. A few roads have cobble stone surfaces, but most are rutted trails. These observed facts help pose the problem of Russian recovery and industrialisation.

They do not take into account the work going forward in great industrial areas, except for factories seen around the capital (Moscow). In general the Moscow factories are outmoded.

Reports reaching Moscow generally indicate steady progress in the reconstruction in the Don basin and the Urals.

New Lives

Visible signs of rebuilding on the way westward from Moscow include many miles of a new telephone and telegraph line under cultivation. Occasionally there is a bright splash of new

paint but most structures are weather beaten and unpainted. From the Polish border westward, most of the recoverable steel from wrecked war machines has been reclaimed or cleaned up into junk heaps.

Ruined brick and stone houses dot the countryside but new buildings are going up in stone and brick as well as wood. Fields in the west are more intensively cultivated and have a more orderly appearance than those in Russia. Bomb craters and dug-outs seem pretty well ploughed under. There is more livestock visible in Poland than Russia.

Cars of all description are more in use.

Deterioration

The great cities of Russia — Moscow and Leningrad were not nearly so damaged in war as Warsaw and Berlin. Most of the damage in Moscow is no longer visible.

What does strike a western visitor to the Soviet capital is the deterioration of older buildings. They appear to be falling to pieces. Their courtyards are muddy and often filled with junk. Whole sections of Warsaw are nothing but mountains of rubble. Streets have been cleared, however. Shops of temporary construction have opened in the main business section.

Berlin is a wilderness of hulks of buildings bleaching like skulls in the spring sun. But the 3,500,000 living there are less crowded than those in

Moscow. Moscow's population has doubled during the war. It is estimated that there are at present 8,000,000. Families of four or five live in a single room. One apartment has four rooms and a hall, including a kitchen. It may house 15 or 20 persons.

Many Years

The Soviet Union plans to make its capital one of the most beautiful in the world with broad streets and modern buildings, including skyscrapers.

Foreign observers say it will be many years in realising this because the Soviet industrial development is far from mass production levels.

American engineers said the average Russian can be trained quickly to become a good mechanical worker. But they say it will take many years to develop a class of foremen with sufficient skill and administrative ability to run a really good industrial system. —Associated Press.

CARNIVAL



"I'm bringing one of the employees home to dinner, Pott! Try not to burn the roast or I'm liable to have a strike on my hands!"

By Dick Turner

**British Air Policy Gives
Rise To Misgivings**

By E. COLSTON
SHEPHERD

son between two-engined and four-engined classes in this category.

The Miles Marathon

It is the four-engined Miles Marathon which can be used as a 21 seater but, by Viking standards, would more properly be fitted out as a 16-seater. It uses four engines of 600 h.p. each. We shall be able to judge the value of four-engine design for smaller types of aircraft but the present view is that something will be lost if the well-tried class of two-engined air liners has to be abandoned to meet new International requirements.

One argument which came in with the four-engined liner and is still to be considered is that to increase the number of engines is to decrease the chances of engine failure.

The operator faced with the possibility that these standards will be applied to his aircraft by 1951, may take a course which brings him nearest to them at the moment or may decide to wait until he is forced to conform. His choice will depend on his own estimate of the value of the highest possible safety standards to his business. His choice will also be influenced by the type of airports which his aircraft must use, his difficulties in making a choice are complicated by the fact that he cannot hope to make a profit.

**New Performance
Standards**

Those standards are regarded in some quarters as marking the end of the two-engined air liner.

Among them is a provi-

**Rich But
Lived In
Squalor**

Chicago, Ill., May 8.

For seven years, August Richter, 79, and his blind sister, Amelia, 89, had lived in virtual poverty in a squalid flat here.

Recently August suffered a fatal heart attack and his sister asked a neighbour to call the police.

"This is all we have," Amelia told a city detective as she led him to an old trunk. Edwards took the contents for safekeeping.

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By Shepard Barclay

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Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

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Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptrollers' Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor Exchange Building.

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By ORDER
C. B. BROWN
Secretary

WHAT STALIN SAID TO BEVIN?

Russia To Remain Aloof From Sudan Controversy; No Support For Egypt

No Conflict Of Interests

London, May 7. A well-informed British source said today that Generalissimo Stalin informed Mr. Bevin during the Moscow conference that Russia would remain aloof from the Anglo-Egyptian treaty dispute and the Sudan controversy. Although this could not be confirmed in detail in official quarters, a high Government source conceded that Mr. Bevin and Stalin had touched briefly on the two questions during the talks in Moscow.

The Government informant said the discussions were in general terms. He quoted Stalin as saying that Russia appreciated that the British had interests in Egypt and the Middle East which were not regarded as running counter to Russian interests.

This was expected to be reflected, at least in part, in Russia's attitude in the United Nations hearing on Palestine. Although Russia believes Palestine should be independent, diplomatic sources believe she will be moderate in any attacks she makes on British policy there.

Diplomatic observers believe Russia's attitude is influenced by the fact that she is negotiating for revision for the 20 year Anglo-Russian mutual assistance treaty. They believe the two countries plan to survey each other's interests throughout the world during the treaty talks.

Russia's attitude toward the Anglo-Egyptian question first became apparent two months ago, when the official Soviet Tass Agency denied reports published in Egypt that Russia was supporting Egypt against Britain.

Egypt Warned

Although Tass did not elaborate, reliable diplomatic reports were that Russia notified Egypt she could not support Egypt if and when the dispute reached the United Nations Security Council. Egypt has threatened to complain to the Council that the Anglo-Egyptian treaty and its provision for garrisoning of British troops in Egypt infringes on that country's sovereignty.

Yacoub Osman, London spokesman of the Sudanese Umma (People's) Party, said the Party had cabled the United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Trygve Lie, from Khartoum on April 14, asking the Security Council to consider the Sudanese problem.

Sudan is now governed jointly by Britain and Egypt, but Egypt has said she will ask the United Nations to proclaim Egypt's sovereignty over the territory. The Umma Party wants the Sudan to be independent.

The Umma appeal, which so far has not been answered by Mr. Lie, pointed out that there were five reasons for the Sudanese to be heard:

Five Reasons

1. The Sudanese have been under virtual military occupation for nearly 50 years after an imperialistic war of conquest.

2. There are no signs of the British Labour Government respecting to the Sudanese their rights, despite "sincere promises."

3. The Sudanese appeal to the United Nations constituted an

The men had demanded that the trade unions and Burgomaster should fulfil the promises that they would support the Hamburg hunger demonstrations if rations were further reduced.

The demands were that the German authorities should strengthen the measures against the black market; clear out Nazis from food organisations; distribute textiles and clothing for needy workers; improve food and transport; and issue additional food cards.

The men also protested against double summer time as detrimental to the health of workers.

Trade union representatives will meet tomorrow to decide whether or not to support the proposed hunger demonstrations.

Council On Strike

Hamburg Radio reported to-night that members of the City Council of Brunswick, Germany, struck today in protest against the food situation in the British Zone.

Flights of unknown aircraft as far south as the Grevena area of Northern Thessaly have been reported by the press several times in the last few months, but these planes have never been fired on by Greek anti-aircraft or confirmed by any official source. The Greek General Staff does not take the matter seriously.

A Greek spokesman said: "Such reports are most unreliable."—United Press.

New Delhi, May 7. Sir Evan Jenkins, Governor of the Punjab, today imposed a collective fine of 3,000,000 rupees (\$225,000) on the Moles of Rawalpindi, where some of the worst riots in the province have taken place. Reuter.

PEKING LOOT

London, May 7. A valuable amber necklace looted from the royal palace of Peking during the Boxer Rising of 1900 is now on its way back to its ancient home.

Consisting of 108 amber beads each beautifully carved with the "Royal Chou" mark of China, the necklace has been bequeathed to Madame Chiang Kai-shek in the will of Mrs. Ada Townley Miller of Tonbridge Wells, Kent. Mrs. Miller was a great admirer of Madame Chiang and the Chinese people. During the war she gave many valuable gifts to the British United Aid to China with the request that they be sold to help relief work in China. Reuter.

Brazilian Communists Outlawed

Rio De Janeiro, May 7.

The Brazilian Communist Party has been outlawed by the Supreme Electoral Tribunal and President Eurico Gaspar Dutra has decreed the suspension of the Brazilian Federation of Labour and 21 regional labour organizations because of alleged Communist influence.

Communist Party headquarters and regional cells were immediately raided and occupied by police forces, which were alerted everywhere in the country.

The five Supreme Electoral Tribunal voted three to two to outlaw the Communist Party on the grounds that it was incompatible with the Brazilian constitution.

Explaining the executive's action to suspend the Federation of Labour, the Labour Minister, Senator Morvan de Figueiredo, said the government had full proof that recent strikes and other labour disturbances were directed by unlisted elements affiliated with or under the influence of the Communist Party.

The Brazilian Communist Party had 200,000 registered members, the largest membership of any North or South American country. —United Press.

At-Power Warships For USN?

Washington, May 8. The United States Navy formally announces that it is setting up a special section to try to develop atom-powered warships.

No Objection

New York, May 7.

The newspaper "P.M." published a report from its London correspondent today saying that Mr. Bevin told a private meeting of the Labour Party Foreign Affairs Committee that Stalin assured him in Moscow that the Soviet Government had no objection to the stationing of British troops in Egypt.

"According to Mr. Bevin, Generalissimo Stalin indicated his belief that the presence of British troops in Egypt during the war may have prevented the Arab nations from turning Fascist and giving active support to the enemy," the P.M. report said. —Reuter.

There are signs that the navy of the future will take the shape of a force for blasting enemy cities and bases rather than opposing fleets. —Associated Press.

The move is part of a developing programme expected to alter the whole concept of naval warfare.

The section will be part of the Bureau of Ships along with two other new ones.

They are the Radiological Section, to devise means of protecting crews from atomic explosions and ships from radiological contamination, and the Atomic Warfare Section, to investigate the protection of ships from atomic weapons and to continue the studies of the Bikini tests held last year.

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Bevin Statement On Japanese Industrial Reparations

London, May 7. Mr. Bevin, Foreign Secretary, answering a question in the House of Commons today about Japanese industrial equipment, said that within the framework of policy decisions of the Far Eastern Commission, General MacArthur, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, was now designating Japanese industrial facilities for removal as reparations. No removals, however, had yet been made. General MacArthur had invited all the Governments represented on the Far Eastern Commission to send official missions to Tokyo to deal with him on problems of reparations, restitution and restoration, Mr. Bevin added.

In restitution matters, the Mission's functions were to inspect property for purposes of identification; to present claims for looted goods; to request that searches be made for missing items believed to be in Japan; to accept title to goods on behalf of their Governments; and to arrange for the transportation of such property from Japan.

The representatives who would act on behalf of the United Kingdom, Burma and the colonies were now expected to arrive in Japan before the end of May, Mr. Bevin declared.

Main Task

One of their main tasks would be, of course, to secure the restitution of British property looted by the Japanese and to ensure that it was not made available for reparations, he said. If cases arose, where for any reason identifiable, lost found in Japan could not be returned, claims for compensation would be made.

Mr. Bevin was answering a question by Mr. Walter Fletcher (Conservative), who wanted to know what proportion of Japan's industrial equipment and material removed, or to be removed as reparations, had originally been obtained by seizure or looting from other countries; what action the Minister proposed to take to see that such property, or its equivalent value, was returned and if he would impress upon General MacArthur the need for admitting to Japan those who had such claims in order to pursue their legitimate inquiries.—Reuter.

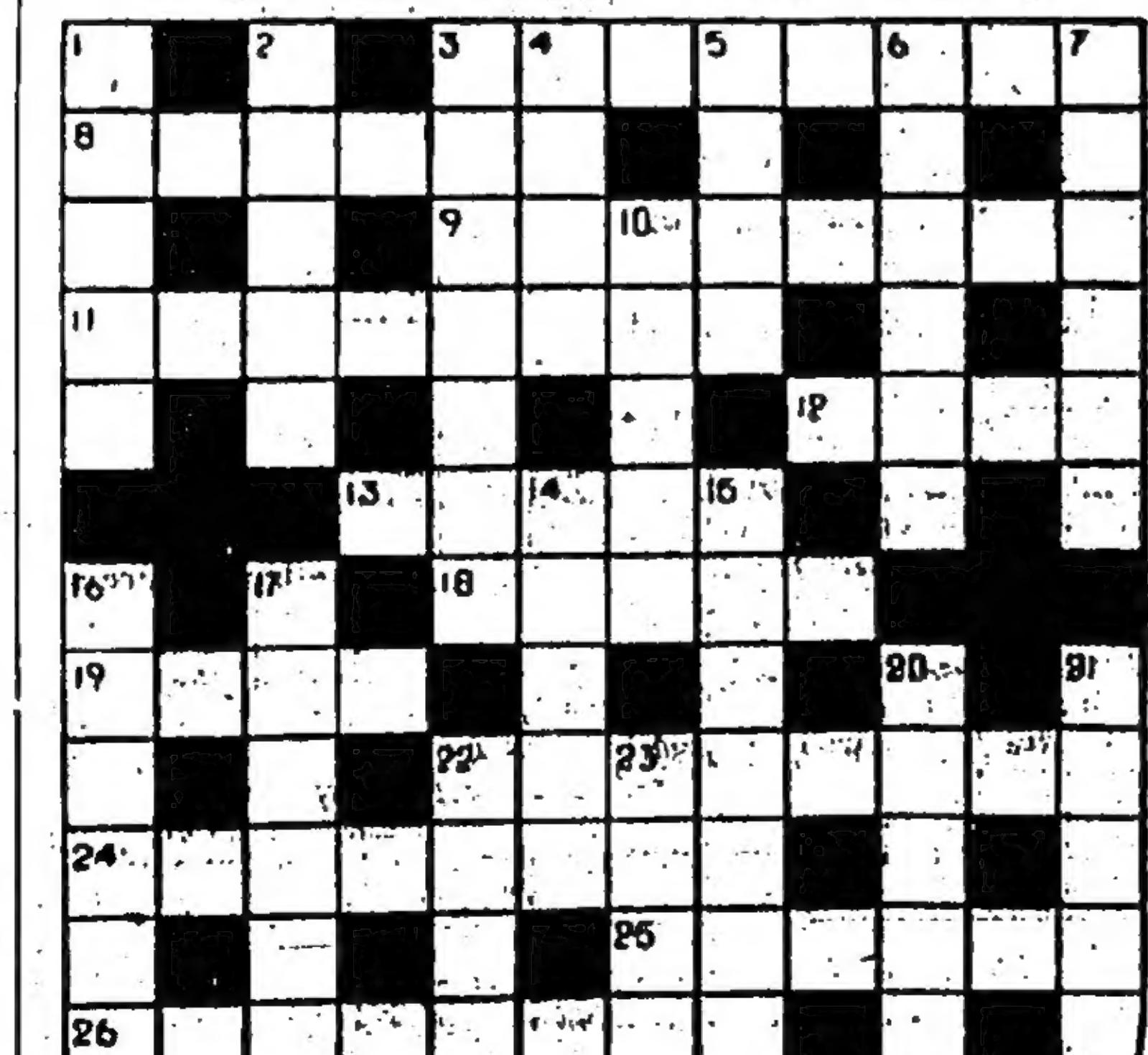
N.Y. Stock Market

New York, May 8. Some steel and motor oil downward in a listless stock market session. Shares traded totalled 100,000,000. The market virtually ignored favourable earnings and dividends and an upturn in commodities. Customers awaited an easier outlook of price reductions, and labour and tax legislation.

The Omnibus Corporation Preferred dropped 7½ (the same decline as Tuesday) to 93, and Common down 1½ at eight—both lows for the year. Glenn Martin hit a new low of 39½ on the declaration of an 80 cent dividend. Dow Jones averages: Stocks 60.99; 200 Industrials 172.49; 10 Rail 45.11; 10 Utilities 37.90. Closing quotations:

Adams Express 11½; American Can 9½; Aetna 36; American Biscuit 53; American Telephone 165½; Associated Press.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

3. Fortifications. 10. Possessions. 14. Custom.
8. Separated. 22. Pay out. 15. Hiker.
9. Adorn. 24. Abstaining. 16. Native
11. Hellish. from alcohol. 17. Revel.
12. Burden. 25. Seller. 18. Hauteur.
13. Introduce. 26. Folks. 19. Corp.
18. The devil. 20. Illness. 21. Core.
22. Decamped. 22. Pay off. 22. Soft.
Large: 8. Timorous. 10. Acumen. 23. Feathers.
13. Deport. 16. Sinc. 17. Elect. 24. Embryo.
18. Asinine. 20. Bent. 25. Officer.
20. Mount. 14. Sleev. 11. Scale. 26. Rescue.
21. Trencher. 26. Veered. 27. Edge.
23. Conclash.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across: 1. Plood. 2. Group. 3. Custom.
7. Large. 8. Timorous. 10. Acumen. 4. Red Sea.
13. Deport. 16. Sinc. 17. Elect. 5. Pond.
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Clues Down

1. Mar. 14. Custom.
2. Current. 15. Hiker.
3. Reparation. 16. Native
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SILVER MARKET

New York, May 7. The distorted statistical situation in the silver market today broke prices by two cents per ounce. A seller representing a Mexican producer, who had not offered silver of New York for almost three months and only last week began tenders again, told Reuter he had the most difficult time in disposing of intake since last week and a considerable quantity of silver is piled up from intake.

Because the intake reached "unreasonable" proportions, this seller today decided to try and force offerings. Most prominent consumers heard what was going on and promptly adjusted both price and delivery.—Reuter.

London Stock Exchange

London, May 7. The recent upward trend of the markets was given a fresh stimulus by Chancellor Dalton's statement regarding overseas indebtedness and also by the strong Cabinet measures to combat the unofficial strike movement.

The strength of British Government securities was the standard feature of the day but the all-round advance in industries was a close second. The behaviour of the market for South African gold shares was again encouraging in spite of the sharp falling off in active interest in the final stages.

Copper showed more promise and oil returned to the picture with Anglo-Iranians and Trinidad Leasoholds featured. The commodity share market was dull. Tires were on offer partly on Indian account and rubbers eased in sympathy with the fall in price of the commodity.

The rally in Brazilian rails was not sustained and Argentine rails also turned easier.

The only movement of note among foreigners was a slightly firmer trend to Japanese on Mr. Dalton's promise that holders of sterling bonds would be considered when the peace treaty is formulated.—Reuter.

Tel-Aviv Lawyer's Mission

Jerusalem, May 7. Dr. Max Solligman, prominent Tel-Aviv lawyer, is scheduled to arrive in New York tomorrow afternoon on a public mission.

Dr. Solligman became widely known outside Palestine for his unavailing efforts to get commutation of the death sentence for the Jew terrorist, Dov Bela Gruner. He will take a leading part in the campaign conducted by the Asyal Zion Fund, Incorporated, 140 West 42nd Street, New York, to raise money for the relief of families of the dependents of Jewish Palestinian political detainees and deportees in Palestine and Kenya.

Dr. Solligman, born in Cardiff, in 1903, settled in Palestine in 1921 and began his law practice 17 years ago.

He said that no reply had yet been received from Washington. He told pressmen that Egypt was ready to repay the loan over a period of 15 years.

The Finance Minister explained that the loan was required to bring gold cover to 25 per cent of the note issue. The present circulation totalled 140 million Egyptian pounds and the Government's cover was 13 million Egyptian pounds, he said.—Reuter.

Egypt Asks For US Loan

Cairo, May 7. Egypt has asked the United States for a loan of \$88,000,000 "to stabilise the Egyptian pound," the Finance Minister, Shaikh Abdul Maguid Idris, announced today.

He said that no reply had yet been received from Washington. He told pressmen that Egypt was ready to repay the loan over a period of 15 years.

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World Bank Loan To France Soon

Washington, May 7. A high official of the International Bank for Reconstruction disclosed to Reuter today a definite agreement on the granting of a \$250,000,000 World Bank loan to France. "This will be made within a day or so—certainly pretty soon."

The official said that a meeting of the Bank's board was being held later today, when the final decision might be expected.

The \$250,000,000 loan would be the first instalment on the request for \$500,000,000 application that France made, many months ago. The loan would be the first one granted by the Bank since its inception.

The final discussions between the Bank and the French authorities have been conducted by Mr. Christian Valensi, Financial Counsellor at the French Embassy, and Mr. Wilfred Baumgartner, head of the Credit National.

The official declined to speculate on the possible effect of the loan decision of any new and drastic political developments inside France. It is considered possible in well informed quarters, however, that such a development might force further postponement in the Bank's already long delayed decision.—Reuter.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

Seattle, May 8. The "Fred C. Alpaworth" arrived from Okinawa, and the "William James" from Yokohama. There were no San Francisco-Oriental ship movements.—Associated Press.

Buenos Aires, May 7. Buenos Aires already short of local periodicals through a distribution dispute faced a newspaper strike as well tonight when an ultimatum by the printmen's unions to the publishers was due to expire. The miniature domed library, pay and improved working conditions, though.

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NEW CHINESE BUDGET**Spending Exceeds Estimate****U.S. Brown Cotton Priority**

Washington, May 7. Senator John Sparkman, Democrat of Alabama, revealed today that American brown cotton has been given the inside track in Japan and the British and American zones of Germany for the balance of the year.

He said an agreement to use only American cotton there has been worked out by a special Senate Cotton Committee of which he is a member, and by the War, State and Agriculture Departments. He said the departments are at present studying a longer-range committee requested for the restoration of that United States pre-war cotton export market in Japan and Germany after this year.

Senator Sparkman said the present agreement was worked out after 29 Senators for cotton-growing states met to discuss a report that the Government was about to buy 1,000,000 bales of foreign cotton for export to Japan and Germany.

He expressed confidence that the nation's trade with Japan and Germany will be re-established and the United States will regain its favourable position in the world cotton market.

Trip To China Queried

Washington, May 8. Senator Wherry, Republican, said today he will ask Secretary of Interior Krug to justify his recent trip to China as "official business."

Wherry said he was reliably informed that Krug was overdrawn on his travel allotment.

Wherry said Krug could travel to the Pacific island possessions under his jurisdiction but "here we have \$16,000 for a trip that went beyond insular possessions, and I understand the President has asked the War Department to pay for that trip. Let us have justification for that."

Wherry made that statement in the appropriations subcommittee meeting investigating travel expenses in connection with the Committee's consideration of a cut in the Interior Department funds from \$295,000,000 to \$161,000,000.—Associated Press.

An official government release yesterday said Finance Minister O.K. Yui, presenting a C.N.S. 20,000,000,000 budget to the State Council, disclosed that China's note issue up to date totals "over C.N.S. 4,000,000,000,000."

Yui said there is sufficient specific support for the issue. The government release said Yui revealed the note issue because of wide speculation by non-government circles.

Yui explained to the State Council that the new budget is necessary because the expenditure in the first four months of the fiscal year has far exceeded the estimate.

Yui said the original estimated expenditure for the year was C.N.S. 8,000,000,000,000, while the original estimated revenue was C.N.S. 7,300,000,000,000.

During January, February, March and April, expenditure amounted to C.N.S. 6,000,000,000,000, while revenue was only C.N.S. 2,000,000,000,000. He said.

It added that the implications of the revised budget are: Firstly, it means that there will be a greater rate of inflation. Secondly, it means that money is being provided for the civil war, which will last longer than originally envisaged, and Thirdly, even with the promised United States loan, there is no visible hope for any immediate and possible cure for China's bankrupted economy.—Reuters.

New Korean Party

Seoul, May 7. Yude Woon-heung, former leader of the People's Front—a coalition of Southern Korean leftist parties—who resigned from politics last January, today announced the platform of his new "Labouring People's Party."

He said the aims were to "carry out a democratic revolution by unifying anti-Japanese and anti-Fascists on such subjects as fishing, communications and transportation."

He demanded "considerable" reparations from Japan. As part of the land reforms, he also demanded the "lands of Japanese," and said:

"The household of Prince Lee and the temples must be confiscated and distributed to farmers."—United Press.

Bank Deposits

Nanking, May 8. The official Central Daily News said today the Finance Ministry has drafted a series of regulations providing for the repayment of pre-war bank deposits on the basis of the inflated dollar.

The regulations are before the Executive Yuan for approval, the paper reported.

The regulations do not cover pre-war Government and private loans which would be paid on face value.—United Press.

Ticket To Chaos

Shanghai, May 8. "A one-way ticket to economic

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SHANGHAI RICE RIOTS Price Of Grain Continues To Rise Dealers Ask For Protection

Shanghai, May 8. Rice riots spread through Shanghai today as the price of China's staple continued to climb upwards reaching a new high of C.N.S.360,000 per picul. The majority of shop owners refused to open their doors for fear of violence.

"For people are still unable to buy the staple in many localities," the government-owned China Daily Tribune reported, "as the shops preferred to sell their stock to rich people who can buy several piculs in one transaction."

Because of the continuing increase, wealthy families bought several month's supply during the last few days, partially accounting for the shortage of rice, the paper added.

More than 200 persons stormed one shop and carried away a dozen bags of rice when the owner claimed his supply had been exhausted. These people had waited in long lines for hours to buy the rice.

Night Attack

No one was injured but the shop's doors were torn off the hinges and furniture was wrecked.

Ten bags were taken from another shop in a raid attack by a large mob.

In other reported incidents police arrived before the rice was stolen.

Two thousand tons of rice presented to China by the Siamese government arrived in Shanghai.

A government purchase of 6,390 tons from Rangoon is being unloaded.

Meanwhile the city government is continuing to allocate 9,000 bags daily to various shops.

500 Per Cent Rise

The price of rice in Shanghai has increased 500 per cent since January when it sold at C.N.S.60,000 per picul.

During the last weeks the price of other local produce foodstuffs has increased 50 percent while imported goods jumped more than 100 percent in some cases and seldom less than 75 percent.

Prices of other commodities declined slightly because of the tight money market.

The slump was started by a general tobogganing in the share market where prices of all shares dropped to the bottom limit.

With cash scant, most commodity hoarders unloaded their goods to secure cash. Associated Press.

More Rioting

More than 200 rice dealers this morning asked Mayor K.C. Wu for effective protection against mobs as isolated rioting continued in the city's western districts.

City Government officials revealed possible changes in the present rationing system submitted to the Central authorities for a more effective distribution of food.

In reply, Mayor Wu promised

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m. and 6.30 to 11.00 p.m. and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 6.30, to 7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m. H.K.T.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary, 12.32 p.m.—Variety, 1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Musical Interlude, 1.15 p.m.—Piano, Violin, Maracas and Kora.

1.30 p.m.—A Choice of Colour, 2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—London Transcription Service: "Ambrose and Anne," Ambrose & His Orchestra, with Anne Shelton (Vocal).

7.00 p.m.—Studio: "You Asked For It," with Lynn Fisher, with musical arrangements by Lynn Fisher.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay: World News, 8.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.

8.15 p.m.—London Transcription Service: "Bernard in the Stars,"

8.30 p.m.—Bill Crosby and the Andrews Sisters.

8.45 p.m.—"Marital Moments," 8.55 p.m.—Lyndon Transcription Service: "Believe me the 'Grade'."

9.00 p.m.—Studio: "Piano Recital by Luisa Boffard.

9.30 p.m.—Orchestra Interlude.

10.00 p.m.—"Let's Relax" News, 10.10 p.m.—Verde's "Hibiscus"—Act 1.

—Principals, Chorus and Orchestra of "La Scala" Opera House, Milan.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

HONG KONGITES, PLEASE NOTE

Birmingham, May 7.
People who live in crowded houses should think twice before quarrelling, said a judge, dismissing a divorce suit today.

Graham Barker brought the suit on the grounds that after he had argued with his wife Mary, she went to sleep in the only other room in the house—her stepfather's. Barker alleged adultery had taken place.—Associated Press.

British Food Crisis

London, May 8.

Lord Woolton, Britain's wartime Minister of Food, said on Wednesday that Great Britain is in danger of a food crisis as serious as last winter's coal crisis.

"I consider that the nation's food is inadequate to maintain the nation's health," Lord Woolton, chairman of the Conservative party, told the House of Lords.

He spoke 24 hours after a British dietician, Dr. Franklin Bicknell, said in a magazine article that "England is dying of starvation."

Lord Henderson, replying for the Government, said that current stocks of wheat and flour under yesterday when a mob of 2,000 hungry workers, angered by rising prices, swept down on rice merchants, wrecking nine shops and taking 320 bags of rice. A small group of police was chased away when they tried to intervene and one policeman was wounded.

The police, plus an army battalion of gendarmes from the suburbs, restored order, arresting nine mobsters. Martial law was later declared and gendarmes were posted at rice shops.

In Pukow, known as the "paupers' town," housewives found merchants had upped the price

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